

2022 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 231

Commending the Greenwood Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, Inc.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, March 11, 2022

WHEREAS, the Greenwood Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, Inc., was chartered on March 13, 1970, with Charles Dunn, Sr., William Franklin, Edward Bolton, Eugene Oldt, Dennis Cole, Dr. Fred Sprecher, Willard Slonaker, Clinton Ebersole, Dr. Ralph Braunschwig, Leon Pope, Stephen Culbert, Robert Pifer, James Wilkins, Jr., Charles Vance, James Killough, Werner Schwachall, Leonard Williamson, Herbert White, John Haggety, Kenneth Clark, and Ray Hulver as members; and

WHEREAS, the original building of the Greenwood Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company was constructed on land donated by the Shawnee Ruritan Club; construction began in 1970 and was completed in 1972 with a loan obtained from Commercial and Savings Bank, which was paid off in 1988; and

WHEREAS, the Greenwood Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company acquired two used fire trucks, a 1944 Ford and 1948 Dodge, which were purchased prior to the completion of the building and initially housed at the Rouss Fire Company in Winchester; the company purchased a 1970 Chevrolet chassis and had E. W. Stinebaugh & Son build a pumper on the chassis, which was delivered on August 14, 1971; and

WHEREAS, during construction of its fire house, the Greenwood Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company had arrangements with the volunteers of Rouss for their volunteers to respond in Greenwood's equipment and the Greenwood volunteers would meet them on the scene; in 1970, the company responded to 83 fire calls; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, the Greenwood Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company responded to 283 calls for service and became one of the first fire departments in the Northern Shenandoah Valley to participate in the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) First Responder program, which has evolved into the Advanced Life Support EMS service that is currently being provided by the company; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, the Greenwood Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company expanded its original two-story building by adding a banquet hall to the rear of the building and a truck bay to accommodate a new ladder truck; the company became the first county fire company to purchase their own aerial unit, which was designated Quint 18 because of its ability to provide five components: hose, water tank, pump, ground ladders, and aerial ladder; and

WHEREAS, today, the Greenwood Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company still responds to fire and EMS calls for assistance from its original location at 809 Greenwood Road, responding to 3,015 incidents in 2021 alone, while maintaining Quint 18, the 105 foot aerial truck; Engine 18, the pumper; three advanced life support ambulances; and Brush 18, the off-road brush truck; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Greenwood Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, Inc., hereby be commended for their more than 50 years of outstanding service to the citizens of Frederick County; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Greenwood Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, Inc., as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for their dedication to the citizens of Frederick County.

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